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SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD
Executive Committee Meeting
Rachel Carson Grand Hall -- Third Floor, Ariel Rios Building
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460
May 15, 2001

TUESDAY, May 15

I. Introduction

8:30-8:40	A. Introduction	Dr. William Glaze <i>SAB EC Chair</i>
	1. Perspective from the Chair	
	2. Overview of the meeting	
	3. Referral to the minutes of the February meeting	

TAB A	COMMENTARY:	
	Dr. Glaze (UNC-CH) will convene the meeting and briefly discuss the events of the day.	

8:40-8:45	B. Updates	Dr. Donald Barnes <i>EC DFO</i>
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TAB B	COMMENTARY:	
	Dr. Barnes will briefly provide information about developments at EPA and in the Office of the Science Advisory Board.	

9:00-9:30	C. Introductions	Dr. Glaze
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TAB C	COMMENTARY:	
	Dr. Glaze will lead the EC in making self-introductions.	

II. Reports from Committees

9:30-10:00	A. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)	Dr. Raymond Loehr <i>RSAC, Chair</i>
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ACTION: FY 2002 President's Science & Technology Budget Request for
USEPA—An SAB Review

TAB D

COMMENTARY:

The RSAC met on May 1-2 to review and comment on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 Presidential Budget proposed for EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the overall Science and Technology (S&T) budget proposed for the EPA. A representative from the Committee is slated to present testimony on the report before the Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards of the House Science Committee on May 17.

10:00-10:15 BREAK

B. Dioxin Reassessment Review Subcommittee (DRRS)

Dr. Morton Lippmann
DRSS Chair

ACTION: Dioxin Reassessment of USEPA -- An SAB Report

TAB E COMMENTARY:

The DRRS met on Nov. 1-2, 2001 and has had two subsequent publicly accessible conference calls which were used to further edit their draft report. Their efforts benefitted from more than 40 public comments at the November meeting. The EC will act on this report, with the intent of forward a report to the Administrator for her consideration as the Agency moves to finalize its position on the risks posed by this class of chemicals and to further explore risk management options.

10:15-11:15

1. Public comments (in the order in which requests were received)

- a. Dr. Gary Kayajanian, Arlington, VA
- b. Marcie Francis, Ph.D., CIH, Sr. Director, Science Policy, Chlorine Chemistry Council, Arlington, VA 22209
- c. Thomas Starr, Ph.D, TBS Associates
Arranged for by American Forest Products Association
- d. Russell E. Keenan, Ph.D, Vice President / Technical Director, Risk Assessment, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. (formerly: Ogden Environmental & Energy Services), Portland, ME
- e. Rick Hind, Greenpeace, Washington, D.C. 20001

- f. Steve Lester, Center for Health, Environment & Justice, Falls Church, VA
- g. Thomas Sutter, Univ of Memphis
Arranged for by Covington and Burling
- h. Charlotte Brody, RN, for Health Care Without Harm
- i. Karen Perry, Associate Director, Environment & Health Program,
Physicians for Social Responsibility, Washington DC
- j. Bill Walsh, National Coordinator, Healthy Building Network,
Washington, DC
- k. Pat Costner, Senior Scientist, Greenpeace International

11:15-11:45

2. Discussion of the DRRS Report

a. Introduction

Dr. Lippmann

b. Lead Discussant: Dr. Henry Anderson

11:45-1:00

LUNCH

1:00-1:30

2. Discussion of the DRRS Report (con'td)

c. Associate Discussant: Dr. Linda Greer

d. Associate Discussant: Dr. Granger Morgan

1:30-2:30

3. Discussion of the DRRS Report (con'td)

e. EC discussion

2:30-2:45

C. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)

Dr. Raymond Loehr

ACTION: *National Program Directors Management of Large, Cross-Cutting
ORD Research Programs--An SAB Commentary*

TAB F COMMENTARY:

At its recent meeting the RSAC gathered information about the role of the five ORD scientists who have been designated as "National Program Directors" for such large, corss-cutting research programs as particulate matter and endocrine disrupters. The Committee felt strongly enough about what they found to write a Commentary on the matter.

III. Board Concerns

2:45-3:00

A. Status of Followup Tasks from Retreat

Dr. Glaze

Dr. Angela Nugent

SAB Special Projects

TAB G

COMMENTARY:

There will be progress reports from various subgroups who have been working on tasks identified at the EC Retreat.

3:00-3:30

B. Planning

1. Logistics for July meeting, possibly in the EPA Cincinnati Laboratory
2. Liaison contacts with the new Administration